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THURSDAY, September 25, 2008

The Chief Clerk makes the following entries under the above date:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The committee on **Judiciary and Ethics** reports and recommends:

Clearinghouse Rule 07-004

Relating to price gouging during an emergency.

Objection:

Ayes: 6 – Representatives Suder, Kramer, Friske, Kerkman, Kleefisch and Pridemore.

Noes: 4 – Representatives Staskunas, Hintz, Turner and Kessler.

To joint committee for **review of Administrative Rules.**

SCOTT SUDER
Chairperson
Committee on Judiciary and Ethics

REFERRAL OF AGENCY REPORTS

DATE: September 15, 2008

TO: Patrick E. Fuller, Assembly Chief Clerk
Robert J. Marchant, Senate Chief Clerk

FROM: Kevin P. Reilly
University of Wisconsin System
Office of the President

SUBJECT: Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act,
2007-2008 Report

The attached document reflects the Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act (WEPA) activities of the University of Wisconsin System for the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. This annual report fulfills Section 1.11(2)(j) of the Wisconsin Statutes, in that it provides information on the number of Type I Environmental Impact Statements and Type II Environmental Impact Assessments completed during the past fiscal year.

Should you have any questions regarding this report, please direct them to Terri Reda, UW System Environmental Affairs Officer at (608) 263-4410.

Sincerely,
KEVIN P. REILLY
President

Referred to committee on **Natural Resources.**

State of Wisconsin
Department of Revenue
Madison

September 24, 2008

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

I am submitting the quarterly report of the Wisconsin Lottery for the quarter ending June 30, 2008. As required by s. 565.37(3), Wis. Stats., the attached materials contain unaudited Wisconsin Lottery year-to-date Revenue and Expenditure information.

The information reported here is a summary and is not intended to be a complete financial accounting of Wisconsin Lottery operations.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this report, please feel free to contact me at (608) 266-6466.

Sincerely,
ROGER M. ERVIN
Secretary of Revenue

Referred to committee on **State Affairs.**

AGENCY REPORTS

State of Wisconsin
Legislative Audit Bureau
Madison

September 18, 2008

To the Honorable, the Assembly:

As requested by the Public Service Commission (PSC), we have completed a financial audit of the Universal Service Fund, which was established to ensure that all state residents receive essential telecommunications services and have access to advanced telecommunications capabilities. It is

funded primarily through assessments on telecommunications providers, which totaled \$30.0 million in fiscal year (FY) 2006-07. Our audit report contains our unqualified opinion on the Universal Service Fund's financial statements for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2007, and June 30, 2006.

Eight of 13 programs currently supported by the Universal Service Fund are operated by the PSC. The programs provide low-income or disabled individuals affordable access to basic telephone and information services, lessen the financial effect of high rate increases, and assist in the purchase of medical telecommunications equipment.

The largest program supported by the Universal Service Fund is the Educational Telecommunications Access Program, which is administered by the Department of Administration (DOA). This program subsidizes data lines and video links for eligible educational institutions. In FY 2006-07, expenditures for the program totaled \$17.4 million.

The Universal Service Fund also supported two programs administered by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) during FY 2006-07, including state aid to public library systems. Since FY 2004-05, the Universal Service Fund has been used increasingly for library system aid.

In our Report on Internal Control and Compliance, we reported on three fiscal management issues that require attention by the PSC and DOA. We found errors in the financial statements, inaccurate copayment billings for educational institutions participating in the Educational Telecommunications Access Program, and an incorrect treatment of a prior-year refund.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by staff at the PSC, DOA, DPI, University of Wisconsin System, and the Universal Service Fund's administrator, Wipfli LLP.

Respectfully Submitted,
JANICE MUELLER
State Auditor